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	Title: <b>TOOL FOR BONE FIXATION DEVICE</b>
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(X) Specification in 34 pages.

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**CONTINUITY INFORMATION:**

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This Application	Continuation-in-part	10/440,016	05/16/03	Pending
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This Application	Claims priority benefit	60/451,320	02/28/03	
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(X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior applications is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

**OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:**

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

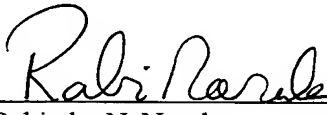
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